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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2423  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM  
AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 5242

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, SA, WA  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: BOTHA LETTER TO SYG: BOTHA REPORTEDLY  
RETURNING TO PRETORIA

1. WE ASSUME USUN HAS A COPY OF THE LONG SEPTEMBER 6 LETTER  
BOTHA SENT TO WALDHEIM COMING DOWN HARD ON SWAPO DEPREDACTIONS  
AND BAD FAITH, OUTLINING HOW THE WESTERN FIVE HAVE MISLED THE  
SAG, AND EXPRESSING IN VIGOROUS TERMS SAG OPPOSITION TO THE  
PROPOSED SIZE OF UNTAG, THE POLICE CONTINGENT, AND THE DELAY IN  
NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE BEYOND DECEMBER 31. LETTER WAS MADE AVAILABLE  
TO THE PRETORIA FIVE AT DFA INITIATIVE THIS AFTERNOON, SEPT 6.

2. BELIEVE NEW YORK IS PROBABLY IN THE BETTER POSITION  
TO ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE AND PURPOSE OF THE LETTER. WE WOULD  
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GUESS THAT ONE OBJECTIVE WAS TO GET THE SAG POSITION FIRMLY ON  
RECORD AND IN DETAIL. ON THE BASIS OF OUR PAST EXPERIENCE, WE  
THINK THE LETTER MAY WELL ALSO BE IN EFFECT AN APPEAL FOR A REPLY  
WHICH WILL HELP THE SAG FIND A WAY OUT OF A PRECARIOUS  
PREDICAMENT OF ITS OWN MAKING.

3. WE HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED SECOND HAND THAT THE NEWS

TICKERS ARE CARRYING A BOTHA NEW YORK PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH  
HE ANNOUNCED HE IS RETURNING TO PRETORIA FOR THE REASON THAT THE  
PRE-SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS ARE TAKING LONGER THAN  
ANTICIPATED.  
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